



27 September 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Commission on the Organization of the  
Government for the Conduct of  
Foreign Policy

1. The 10 a.m. meeting Friday, 28 September, with the Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy is described by Fisher Howe as being primarily a courtesy call to inform us that the Commission is now in business and in general terms how it plans to proceed. Attachment A is a Mandate setting forth the Commission's statutory authorities and the Commission members. Congressmen Zablocki and Mailliard may attend, but it may come down to just Fisher Howe and Bill Spong, who is General Counsel. Attachment B is the Commission's Tentative Program. The Intelligence Community is therein scheduled for two days in February 1974, but they will inform you that they plan to move this up to November 1973.

2. Paragraph III G of the Tentative Program talks about the Commission's approach to intelligence and information handling. This appears to me to be the wrong approach as it talks about collection of intelligence and reporting. I suggest you put forward that the real problem is the role of intelligence in foreign policy-making and the problem of improving the intelligence product for the policymakers. Obviously, your ideas on improving the NIEs would be appropriate. In any case, we will need some ground rules for the intelligence hearings, and Fisher agrees that nothing can be settled at this meeting but to state that ground rules will be developed in the next few weeks. As you know, ground rules

were developed for the visits of Commission members to foreign embassies, and so far as I can find out these worked satisfactorily

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4. John Warner will be present at the meeting on 28 September as it seems appropriate, at least for the time being, for the liaison to continue through OGC.

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Attachments

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